(3) that with regard to officers and men who have rendered service during peace time, they should be eligible for land grant if they have rendered exceptionally distinguished and exemplary service in addition to service for a period qualifying for full pension;

(4) that for purposes of land grant to clerks, they should be treated as equal to that class of combatants drawing similar pay in the field and should be entitled to get half of what is admissible to combatants; and

(5) that clerks who have rendered exemplary Depot Service during the War should be eligible for land grant.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to accord sanction to the amendments proposed by the Mysore Soldiers' Board. The Rules as revised are appended to this order and will be published in the Gazette for general information and guidance.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

RULES FOR THE GRANT OF LAND AS A REWARD FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

1. The grant of land is in addition to pension, if any, earned by the individual. It must be understood, however, that the grant of land being a bounty from Government, no person can claim it as of right.

2. These concessions will not apply to persons who retired prior to the issue of the Military Settlement Order of 1917, unless they have rendered Field Service during the last War.

3. Men who take their discharge voluntarily will not also be entitled to these concessions unless they have rendered field service.

4. The cases of those who are entitled to land grant under the Order of 1917 but have not yet been granted lands should be dealt with under these rules.

5. The Commandant of the Regiment may, immediately before or after the retirement of a soldier, or after the death of a soldier or at other time when an application is received and a grant is due under these rules, make a recommendation to the Chief Commandant for the grant of lands to the soldier or his family as the case may be. If the soldier is eligible for the grant of land and the Chief Commandant is of opinion that, in consideration of the soldier's exemplary and distinguished conduct while on field service or on account of the injuries received in action or exemplary or distinguished services in peace time, the concession may be shown to him, the Chief Commandant will submit his recommendation to Government.

6. In cases under Clause (i) of Rule 8, the recommendation may be sent up as soon as an applicant becomes eligible for the concession without waiting for his retirement. Full information should be given when making the recommendation to enable Government to decide the case on its merits.

7. The Kille Kacheri Bakshi in respect of the Kille Kacheri and the Palace Band, and the Commandant of the Body Guard in the case of the Body Guard will send up recommendations for the grant of lands to men in these units to the Huzur Secretary who will satisfy himself as to the eligibility of the individuals for the grant and forward the applications to Government.

FIELD AND PEACE SERVICE—EXEMPLARY.

8. For purposes of these rules, the term "Exemplary Military Service" shall mean:—

(i) Devotion to duty or other acts of gallantry, conspicuous acts of bravery in the Field and shall include cases of injuries received in action.

(ii) Continuance in service for 15 years with field service.

(iii) Exceptionally distinguished and exemplary service for a period qualifying for full pension during peacetime.

(iv) Also any other act deserving special notice and worthy of a suitable reward at the pleasure of Government.

9. The extent of land to be granted under these rules to a soldier or his family shall not exceed the following scale:—

	ACRES		
	WET		DRY
Commandants	20	or	45
Resaldars and Subedars	12	or	30
Jamedars	8	or	20
Non-Commissioned Officers of and above the rank of Duffedars or Havildars ..	5	or	15
Other ranks	3	or	8

NOTE—(i) The extents noted above are the maxima which should be granted in rare cases. But in cases of extraordinary distinguished service in the field even this maximum extent may be exceeded. In cases of men killed in action their families may be granted lands on a scale which is 50 per cent in excess of what the deceased men would have been entitled to had they lived to apply for the grant.

(ii) Cases under clauses (ii) and (iii) of Rule 8 will be eligible for the grant of lands up to 50 per cent of the extent mentioned in Rule 9 above.

(iii) The Medical Officers, Veterinary Officers and Hospital servants of the several Units still serving who have been on field service for not less than six months and have rendered exemplary service will be eligible to the same extent as is admissible to Military Officers of corresponding rank and to followers, respectively.

(iv) Non-Combatants such as clerks, followers, etc., of the Mysore units who have been to the front and rendered exemplary service for not less than six months may be given the benefit of the land reward under the rules, the extent admissible being half of what is admissible to Combatants under Rule 9. The Clerks should be considered equal to that class of combatants drawing similar pay in the field and followers, to other ranks.

(v) Clerks who have rendered exemplary Depot service during the war will be eligible for the concession. Their service in the Depot will count as half war service and the scale is as mentioned in Rule 10 below—

FIELD SERVICE—NON-EXEMPLARY.

10. Retired Officers and men who rendered field service without any distinction will be entitled to land grants on the following scale:—

For a field service of 5 years and 4 months. Full extent admissible to the respective ranks according to Rule 9 above.

For a field service of 3 years and under. Three-fourths extent admissible to the respective ranks according to Rule 9 above.

For a field service of 1 year and under 3 years. Half the extent admissible to the respective ranks according to Rule 9 above.

For a field service of less than one year. One acre of wet or 4 acres dry.

11. The families of deceased officers and men who rendered field service will be entitled to the same concession as they would have got if the deceased had lived and applied for lands under the above Rules.

12. The preliminary enquiry as to the eligibility of a person for the grant of land shall be conducted in the Military Department or in the Kille Kacheri, Palace Band, or Body Guard Departments according to the Unit to which the individual belongs. After the recommendation is sanctioned by Government, all further action will rest with the Revenue Authorities.

13. Wet and dry lands granted under these rules will be held free of assessment during the first two years in all cases and at the descretion of the Revenue Commissioner at half assessment for a further period not exceeding three years. Full assessment will be payable from the sixth year onwards in all cases.

14. The lands granted under these rules shall not be sold, mortgaged or otherwise alienated within a period of fifteen years from the date of grant. This rule will be applicable to individuals who become entitled to grant of lands hereafter. No person already in possession of lands under the rules in force so far or the heirs or assigns of such person will be deprived of them or of any concession already granted to them so long as the condition of the grant is fulfilled.

15. Persons who become entitled to the grant of land under these rules may apply for unoccupied assessed and unassessed lands available for cultivation to the extent admissible in any locality selected by them except under the Krishnarajasagara and in other areas that may be notified by Government from time to time.

N.B.—The reservation of lands for grant under these rules ordered in Government Orders Nos. G. 3512-15—Mily. 172-15-17, and G. 19630-40—Mily. 274-20-2, dated the 12th September 1917, and 15th April 1921, respectively, has been cancelled.

16. The value of lands given free of cost under these rules shall not exceed Rs. 200 per acre in the case of wet lands and Rs. 100 per acre in the case of dry lands. In cases where the estimated value of the land applied for exceeds the value limit prescribed above, the extent to be granted may be correspondingly reduced, to keep the grant within the money limit prescribed.

17. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts will maintain lists of persons to who land grants have been sanctioned or may hereafter be sanctioned in their Districts und these rules. They should also instruct the Amildars that, whenever applica'ons fo grant of lands sanctioned are forwarded to them for making the necessary ass ignme allotment to the party concerned, they should furnish a report to the effect that th ment has been made and that the condition of the inalienability of the land years is entered in the Khetwar Patrike and in the Saguvali chits. Applica Military men for lands are expected to be disposed of promptly. For the spe of cases of land grants, the Chief Commandant may depute one of his officer the Deputy Commissioners of Districts periodically for facilitating the dis applications.

A consolidated list of persons to whom land grants have bee rules will be maintained in the Office of the Revenue Commis